

## MOST PUGILISTS DISLIKE ROWS

Only Near-Champions Are Prone to Engage in Street Brawls.

### CORBETT A REAL GENTLEMAN

"Gentleman Jim" Was Most Peaceful and Law-Abiding When Outside the Squared Circle.

Though fighting is their profession, the average pugilist is a peace-loving citizen. But this down as a real live fact. Mr. Pugilist will walk six blocks out of his way to avoid a street brawl with some petty hoodlum, and he will swallow more sassy talk from butchers and smile than a politician campaigning for office. It is only when he is crowded into a corner and forced to show his hands that he will use his skill. Of course, there are mixed up scoundrels who never miss a chance to take part in an impromptu fight. They love the glory which comes from cleaning out some dirty bar-room, breaking noses and discolored eyes.

Sixth-rate pugilists rather relish this, and some would prefer winning a fight of this character than pull down a \$10,000 purse in the arena. But the top-notch fighters are beings of another species. When in the company of gentlemen they behave as such, and if a disturbance is started Mr. Champion will do his best to inaugurate a peace conference.

In the palmy days of John L. Sullivan he brought much unpleasant notoriety upon the profession by his drunken antics. While on a rampage he was liable to strike a newsboy, or shy a beer bottle at some poor bartender, and the papers would be full of Sullivan's escapades days after. The champions who followed John L. were made of different stuff.

The man that raised the crown from Sullivan's head received his reward as "Gentleman Jim," and he studiously lived up to his sobriquet as long as he was champion. Corbett was the type of a fighter who was equally at home in the ring, or in the saloon, or at the club. In a crowd he was the last man you would pick as the fighter, but some might claim that it was no effort to be a gentleman when one has the world saluting him like him Corbett did.

But listen to what Billy Delaney has to say on this score: "When I was with Jim Corbett, he was frequently being insulted, but I never saw him lose his temper or head. Sullivan's admirers, who were many, were frequently saying nasty things to Jim. As even as I have, it provoked him to the way some talkers do. Corbett, I have seen Jim get mad in the collar, as the boys say, but just when he felt himself starting something he checked himself."

Had Great Self-Control. In this respect Jim had great control over himself, which he has certainly expected to make a success in the ring must have. Really, I think fighters have to put up with more abuse than any other class of people, and the fact that they do submit to it is a credit to them.

From Corbett down the line you find a class of men who are seldom seen except in the ring. They are certainly simple. He is one of the best natured men in the world and he wouldn't harm a child. To get a fight out of the bell fellow on the street a ruffin would certainly have to make a spectacle of himself. Peter Jackson, black as night, was a gentleman through and through, and so was George Dixon, another son of Ham. Bob Fitzsimmons, when in "his" mood, might start a little fracas, but sober he was the best natured of schoolboys, and was never so happy as when playing with his pet dogs and lions. Tommy Ryan, Terry McGovern, Young Corbett, Jimmy Britt, Battling Nelson, Jack O'Brien, Tommy Burns, Jack Root, Joe Gans, Tom Sharkey, Frank Erne, "Kid" Lavigne, George Dawson, Dan Creedon, Tommy Tracey and a dozen others might be named who are gentlemen out of the ring, though fighters in.

### PENN TO GET MEET.

Colleges Are Said to Favor Franklin Field for Intercollegiate.

PHILADELPHIA, June 29.—The next U. S. A. A. track and field championships may be held on Franklin Field, if the cry of the smaller colleges and two members of the Big Four is hearkened to by the executive committee.

All of the minor institutions of training, and they have certainly a positive right to demand consideration, and their plea that Cambridge is unfitted as a place to hold the big games, is not without reason, favor it.

Michigan, Penn's bitterest foe and best friend, strongly urges Franklin Field as the best place. The Wolverines scored 29 points, one less than Yale and Harvard combined, and being the farthest away from the scene are entitled to all the consideration that can be given them.

Athletes who have competed in all sections of the country do not hesitate to say that Franklin Field has the finest center path in the country, under any conditions.

### IS WALSH BEST PITCHER?

Addie Jones Says White Sox Hit Them All Bent.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, June 29.—Addie Jones, leading twirler in the American League, believes Ed Walsh, the White Sox slogger, is the greatest pitcher in the business, says a special dispatch from New York. It is not often that one twirler eclipses the work of another in the same league, but Addie is frank in his praise of the Chicago spitball artist.

"Walsh is the greatest spitball pitcher in the world," said Jones. "He works easy and at the same time he won't be hard all the time. If I owned a ball team and was to have my choice of pitchers, Walsh would be my first selection."

## STROKE OARS OF CREWS THAT ROWED AT POUGHKEEPSIE



### CADETS MAY ENTER COLLEGE REGATTA

President May Be Asked to Allow West Pointers to Compete.

### WOULD ADD MUCH INTEREST

Report Has It That Question of Establishing Crew Will Be Brought Up.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 29.—The army will be represented in the intercollegiate boat races here in 1908. This is the firm belief in rowing circles in Poughkeepsie, and it is strengthened by the assertion of Joseph M. Booth, secretary of the local regatta committee, who says that his opinion is shared by the other members of the racing committee. The subject of having the army men represented in the big race next year has been close to the hearts of everybody in this section for many weeks, and the matter has been discussed in all circles. Coach Ellis Ward, of the Pennsylvania crew, is the first of the college coaches here to openly express an opinion on the subject.

He says that it is altogether probable that West Point will have a crew in the race next year, and he adds that it will be only a matter of a few months when the organization of a rowing crew by the army cadets will be put up to President Roosevelt.

Would Mean Added Interest. "The coming of the Annapolis naval cadets means one thing for certain," says Ward. "That is that the West Point cadets will get into the game next year. And why shouldn't they? The army and navy have met in other sports, and it is only natural that they should meet in a rowing race. The coming of the soldiers will add even more interest to the occasion. The more the merrier, I say."

In speaking of the matter, Mr. Booth said that the soldiers should be able to send a strong crew here next year. He pointed to the fact that the army men would have every opportunity to train on the Hudson River off their barracks, and that they would have the advantage of a longer practice on the river in this vicinity than any of the other crews. He said that if it was necessary for them to get early practice on smooth water they could use Orange Lake, a few miles back of Newburg.

Mr. Booth says he will gladly lend his influence to the proposition to bring the soldiers here next June. West Point cadets who have been in Poughkeepsie within the last month have talked freely about the subject, and they assert that the idea of organizing a rowing crew at West Point has been one of the principal subjects of discussion at West Point since it was first announced that the Middies would have a crew in the race this year. They say it is possible that before many months a petition will be sent to the War Department asking for permission to take part in the races next year.

### REMARKABLE RACE-COURSE IS SOON TO BE COMPLETED

LONDON, June 29.—Down in the heart of Surrey, in the beautiful Weybridge District, there circles a great white line a hundred feet wide and three miles long, which within the next two months is intended to become the most remarkable race-course the world has ever seen.

The motor-racing track now under construction at Brookland, Weybridge, is the first of its kind to come into existence, and it is expected by the promoters to make motor-racing as popular a spectacle as horse-racing. The best of cycling and running tracks, the most famous athletic grounds, the most imposing of race courses sink into comparative insignificance by the side of this great smooth, artificial road. In the history of modern speed it will stand unique. Ten cars at a time will be able to sweep round the three-mile concrete track at a pace probably double that of express trains.

"Gold League" Proposed. MILWAUKEE, June 29.—Former President Powers, of the Wisconsin League, is organizing a Nevada State League. Reno, Carson City, Virginia City, Rhyolite, Tonopah and Goldfield will have teams in the "gold league."

## RECENT REGATTA WAS THE BEST IN HISTORY

Contest Between Cornell and Columbia for First Honors Depended Mainly on the Stroke Oar. Staying Power of Cox Won For Ithacans.

(Written for The Times-Dispatch.) BY SOL METZGER.

The greatest intercollegiate boat race ever rowed took place upon the Highland-Poughkeepsie course at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., last Wednesday, and the result was due as much to the pluck and determination of the men who sat in the winning boat as to the style of oarsmanship they rowed.

All the way down the four miles of the varsity eight-oared event interest was centered in the two lead crews, those of Cornell and Columbia, and upon the showing of the men in these two shells depended the result. It was a grim, determined and thrilling battle, and everywhere, from shore, observation train and pleasure craft, one could hear the shout, "Go it Cornell!" or "Go it Columbia!" more frequently the latter, for the crews were with this newly developed eight, which all but conquered the oft-times victorious Cornell oarsmen.

It was a race in a thousand, one of the outcome of which depended upon the work of every man in either eight, for only a scant three feet separated the two at the finish, remarkable when it is recalled that the distance was four miles, and at no time were the shells apart; at no time did more than twenty-five feet separate the bow of the cornelian and white from the bow of the blue and white shell. First one, then the other led, and the leader was always overhauled, because the other boat would tear its oars through the water a little faster, a little harder, until the lead was cut down and even assured.

Credit to the Stroke. The story of this mighty race is but the story of the stroke oars, the men who set the pace of their boats, the men who judged the ability of their two crews, who were placed in these all-important posts in the shells because they were the coolest, staunchest, pluckiest and headiest boys from their respective colleges.

Wonderfully well had Coach Charles E. Courtney selected his stroke when he chose Chris Cox as the boy for this position in the Cornell eight, and popular Jimmy Rice, the new Columbia coach, had taken Pete Cerussi for the same work, with as keen an insight into the character of his man as had the grizzled "Old Man" of Cornell. Two men ever rowed such a close race as these two, and while it is remembered that the Cornell eight had all the advantage and prestige there was honor enough in the outcome for these two boys; for the one from Cornell had won the hardest fight in Cornell's long and triumphant career, and for the other for directing the pace of his crew, because this crew had learned a new style and lacking the weight that is necessary in an event of this kind, had nevertheless rowed a race that had been declared impossible for them by the men who had followed the crews during the season.

The stroke of a college eight-oared crew has as much depending upon him, to say the least, as the pitcher of a ball nine or the captain of a foot-ball team. He must need be remarkably fitted for the work in sheer strength and generally in weight, his stamina and grit must be unlimited, and his mental powers should rank first among his qualifications, as it is necessary for him not only to be able to judge of his own ability in a contest, but he must also plan and regulate each move as the race takes in its various phases, all the time keeping in mind the seven men back of him whose strength must be so used that it will not be exhausted until the distance has been covered. It is such a man that the rowing coach seeks each season, and fortunate is he who finds him early, for many a race has been won purely through the splendid work of the stroke oar.

Briggs Stands Out Prominently. In recent college rowing history some few names have stood out as representing this type. Cornell has possessed most of them, and the best of this lot was little Johnny Briggs, who in

proven by the splendid showing of her freshman who won their race in comparison to the fifth place the varsity obtained in theirs. Dinet is only nineteen years old, and is six feet one inch tall, weighing but 162 pounds. Naturally he will be a much better oarsman in his next two seasons.

### Fitzgerald will improve.

Edmund Fitzgerald, Jr., '09, has stroked Georgetown's crews for the past two seasons and next year he has been chosen for captain. He is very much on the order of Dinet in physique and should also improve in the next two seasons. His crewmen were too young and light this season to be reckoned with. Fitzgerald is nineteen years old, stands six feet one inch in height and weighs 168 pounds. Though but twenty years old, five feet eight inches tall and weighing 180 pounds, he is one of the best oarsmen and strokes in any college.

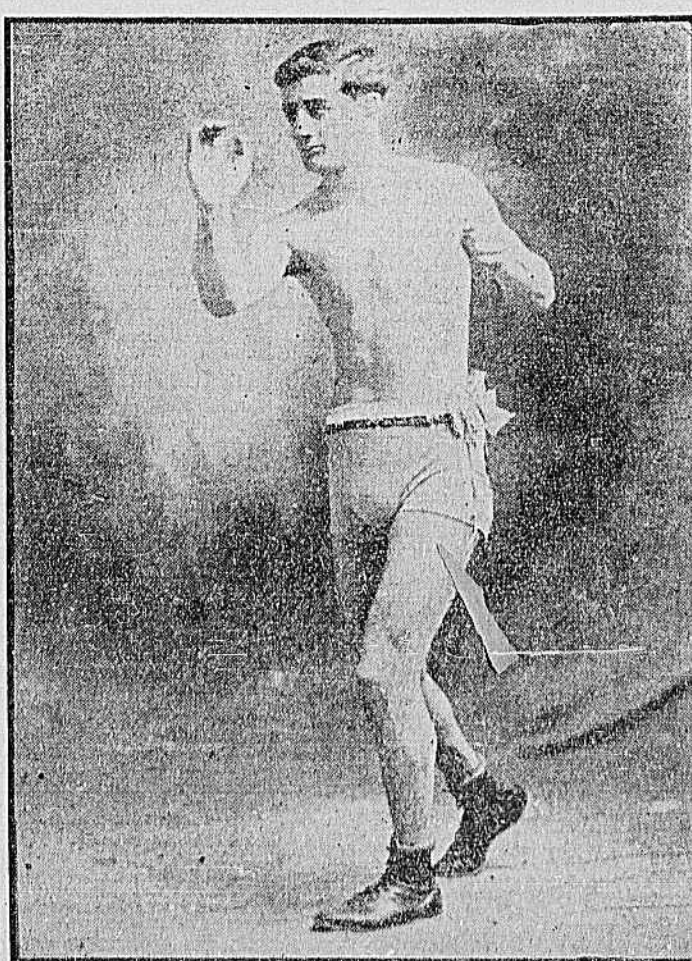
### Rhodes Wants New York-Boston Record

W. E. Rhodes, of Boston, a hardy long distance rider, is going after the New York-Boston bicycle record on July 1st. Mr. Rhodes will follow a motorcycle, steered by E. A. Allen of Cambridge, and expects to make the run in seventeen hours. The present record is twenty-four hours made by a woman, Mrs. Allen, of Worcester, with a human pacemaker. Rhodes will ride under Century Road Club regulations, registering every twenty-five miles. Rhodes has some interesting records to his credit. He rode from Washington to Kansas City, 1,800 miles in 1899, making the trip in twenty-one days, and the same year made the 639 miles between Kansas City and Denver in six days. This last route included a cactus strip of 300 miles.

### Fennell Penn's Captain.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., June 29.—Matthew Fennell, who has been a member of Penn's baseball team as pitcher for three years, defeated Captain Judd for the 1908 captaincy of the team. Fennell is a member of the 1908 Dentistry class.

## ENGLISH FIGHTER



JOHNNY SUMMERS, English pugilist, who favorably impressed ring critics during his recent campaign in this country.

## CORNELL EASILY HAD BEST TEAM

Ithacans Have Played More Consistent Ball Than the Exclusive Three.

### PRINCETON COMES NEXT

System of Determining Championship Most Unsatisfactory to Lovers of Sport.

If there ever was a college baseball season which emphasized the need of an intercollegiate association to determine the championship this is the year. Under the present conditions it is only by chance that the title is awarded without a dispute.

Until this year it has so happened that the honor went to Yale, Princeton, or Harvard, three universities which play with each other a series of two games, and three, if necessary, to break the tie. But this season two outsiders are disputing Princeton's right to the championship laurels. They are Cornell and Williams. Although Williams came near cleaning up everything on her trip to the Middle West, the schedule of the Massachusetts boys does not include as many important games as does that of Cornell.

### Is Very Unsatisfactory.

At the present rate of winning victories, it is likely that Princeton and Cornell will be compelled to divide the honors. For some reason, the Princeton management this year refused to schedule the usual two games with Cornell. As ill luck would have it, the two teams which ought to fight it out for the premier honors will not meet at all, and any title must be awarded according to comparative records, or, equally divided. Both of these methods are extremely unsatisfactory. Movements have been started at various times to organize an intercollegiate baseball association, and to arrange a regular intercollegiate schedule to award the title, as is done in the minor sports, such as basketball, cricket and association football. The movement has failed to date solely through the hostility of Yale, Harvard, and Princeton, who seem anxious to maintain their exclusiveness at the expense of the sport and its needs. Cornell, Pennsylvania, Columbia and Dartmouth have been favorable to the movement at all times.

A study of the records made by the different teams to date would seem to give the honors to the Cornell team, which has played a remarkably consistent game from the start. When the season opened the Cornell nine had been ridden by graduation and other things, so that Coach Coogan had to begin at the very bottom and build up his nine. The former Pennsylvania man was equal to the occasion, and has gathered together a wonderful team.

### Cornell Won on Merit.

It is true that Cornell has lost some games, but most of these have been extra inning contests, when the slightest slip betrays a team. In all other games Cornell has won strictly on merit, and the 1907 team will rank as the best ever turned out at Cornell. The Princeton team is also strong, but it has proved much more erratic than Cornell, and at times has been easy to beat. The Tigers are practically as strong as the Ithacans in the pitching and fielding departments, but the Cornellians are the better batsmen, and all other things being equal, that is what determines the winner. On this account the chances would favor Cornell if a series of games could be played between the two teams.

The Yale team runs Cornell and Princeton pretty close. The Elis have played erratic ball, without doubt, but they have also shown some terrific hitting, and when at their best would probably prove the equal of Cornell and Princeton. The Harvard nine is out of consideration for championship honors, because of its defeat by Cornell and its double defeat at the hands of Princeton. Pennsylvania's team this year is a curious combination. In Brady, Simpson, Fennell and Twitmore, the Quakers have a quartet of pitchers which none of their rivals can beat, but the Pennsylvanians are woefully weak with the stick, and became worse instead of better as the season advanced. If Yale had had the Pennsylvania pitching staff, the Elis would have been invincible.

### Gotch Will Go Abroad.

WEBSTER CITY, IA., June 29.—Frank Gotch, champion wrestler of America, is arranging for a trip to Europe, beginning in September, to last nearly a year.

His plans, as made at present, provide for a series of exhibition matches in England, Scotland, France and Germany at terms of \$500 a week. He also hopes to secure a match with George Hackenschmidt, the Russian Lion, inasmuch as Hackenschmidt is unwilling to come to this country for a match.

### Keane Stays at Syracuse.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 29.—The Athletic Association of Syracuse University has entered into a contract for two years with T. P. Keane, who this year coached the track team. Keane will begin his work in the fall, with the football and the cross-country men, and will continue throughout the year.

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